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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 31, 2006. Applicant appreciates the proposed claims that the Examiner sent to Applicant's representative via facsimile on October 19, 2006.

Claims 58-65, 103-107, and 127-136 are pending in the application. Claims 58-65, 103-107, 127-136 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

In the amendment above, Applicant has amended claims per the Examiner's proposed amendment to overcome the outstanding rejections. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections. No new matter is added by these amendments and support for these amendments may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments above.

VI. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 58-65, 103-107, 127-136 are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application, or to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Date: December 14, 2006

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